

worrywart and was a bit afraid of inviting him to be one of his legislative assistants in Washington.

"He valued thoroughness," says Griswold. "He valued the willingness to stay until the job was done at night. He valued commitment and honesty. He valued when you didn't know the answer to something, you said, 'Senator, I don't know,' rather than inventing a guess about what the answer might be, because that would just be a waste of time."

Griswold went on to become Chafee's chief legislative assistant, then his legislative director, then his chief of staff.

One former colleague, Christine C. Ferguson, now head of the state Department of Human Services, worked closely with Griswold from 1981 to 1995 "some of the best working years of my life."

Unlike some chiefs of staff, who are "really political animals, operators, very slick," she says, "David is very much a reflection of John Chafee."

As Griswold recalls those days, the work of advising Chafee could be "painful."

He and Ferguson were always having to remind the senator of the political ramifications of his upcoming votes. "We would say things like, 'What good is it to know you're gonna do the right thing if in the end, you lose an election and you can't come back here and try to keep on doing what you're doing?'"

"And he struggled. I remember nights that he would pound his fist on the desk and say to us, 'Thank you. I've heard enough.'"

Griswold was seldom sure how Chafee would end up voting when he went to the floor "He had his own compass."

Griswold sometimes warns young applicants for staff jobs that it's easier to work for a conservative or a liberal than for a moderate like Chafee, "because you at least start out kind of knowing where you're headed."

On the other hand, "it made us do our jobs better. You really had to think to step back from each question and try to look at it from everybody's side."

Over the years, Griswold became "very slightly less afraid" of Chafee, but still never called him by his first name, always "Senator." Frankly, he says, he resented staffers who did otherwise, because it presumed an equality that could never exist. (Chafee, for his part, never complained about it, Griswold says.)

"This is the biggest person that has served this state in this century," he said, "in terms of length of tenure, in terms of types of jobs he's done, in terms of the barriers he's broken politically and in terms of just his statesmanship."

When it's pointed out that Griswold has given his entire adult life to serving Chafee, he says that in fact, it's Chafee who has given him something. "He's given me opportunities at every turn which I could not have expected I was ready for."

In recent years, Chafee has reminded Griswold to "smell the roses" and indeed, Griswold has eased up a bit on work. "Ironically," he says, "it is he that I wanted to be smelling roses."

Griswold had known that the senator was ailing, and that the job was requiring more of a struggle. But he was active to the end.

"He had made a wonderful speech, just three or four days before his death, at the National Cathedral to a huge gathering of the National Trust for Historic Preservation."

Chafee had worked hard on the speech, and it won him a standing ovation from the crowd of 2,000 people. "He felt pumped up and he knew he'd done a good job."

Then, last weekend, Chafee called Griswold to say he wasn't feeling well, and needed to

cancel two planned events. Griswold thought he heard something different in his voice.

"I think he was always prepared for everything," he says even death. "He was a person of faith and a person with a compass that guided him and he was ready even when he was unprepared, in the sense of having no script in hand just ready to do what he was called to do, and do it with grace."

On Sunday night, at about 8, Griswold got the call from Chafee's daughter, Georgia Nassikas.

"When I heard her voice, my heart just fell to the floor. I knew this had to be something bad." But the way she said the last three words "my father died" with such composure and strength, helped Griswold.

He realized "this was where we were now," and felt prepared.

Nonetheless, as he paced around the room with the phone in his hand, he found himself double-checking his facts: "Did you tell me now that your dad has died?" he asked. "And she laughed, and said yes."

Such, he says, are the habits born of working for John Chafee.

So many logistical details are involved in helping arrange today's massive funeral that Griswold has had no time to grieve.

It's as if the funeral was one more big project, which the staff is handling as it has handled so many others through the years. "At any given point in the process, we've all thought he might walk in and say, 'Well, how's this coming along, folks?'"

Now, every morning, when Griswold wakes up, it takes him a moment to remember that "the world is different now, completely different. . . I never thought he'd leave. I never believed that John Chafee would leave. And it's scary to me, not to have him."

In the smallest, most everyday actions just making a phone call Griswold remembers him. It's always, Hello, this is David Griswold with Senator Chafee.

"I had five names. David Griswold With Senator Chafee. I'm afraid that I will say that for a long time." •

#### DR. JOHN O. LUSINS OF ONEONTA, NY

• Mr. MOYNIHAN. Mr. President, a milestone will occur on Wednesday, December 15th, while the Senate is in recess, which I do not want to go unacknowledged. Dr. John O. Lusins of Oneonta, New York will celebrate his sixtieth birthday. In his five decades, this New Yorker has grown from a childhood war refugee into a beloved husband, devoted physician, respected oenophile, and caring father of five children. Suffice to say, Dr. Lusins has accomplished the American dream. I wish him hearty congratulations on this achievement.

Named after his physician father, John O. Lusins was born December 15th, 1939 in the Baltic country of Latvia. At age twelve, John and his mother, Elza, immigrated to the United States after being displaced for several years as a result of World War II. Seeking a better life after witnessing the atrocities in Europe, the two lived briefly in Greensboro, North Carolina before settling in Yonkers, New York.

John entered the Andrus Home for Children at age fifteen, and proved himself to be an anomaly among his peers by graduating from Charles E. GORTON High School in 1958. With con-

tinued perseverance, Lusins, under the aegis of a SURDNA scholarship, went on to graduate from Columbia University in 1963 and the Albany School of Medicine in 1967.

During these years, John not only excelled academically but proved himself as an athlete, leader, and a patriot. Throughout his collegiate career, John powered Columbia's varsity crew down the Harlem River and was named captain for his senior year in 1962. Following his junior year, however, Lusins was called to military duty in Germany as the Soviets erected the Berlin Wall. After fulfilling his military obligations, he returned to New York and subsequently finished college.

Before leaving for Berlin, John met a dashing young lady by the name of Anna Marie Dahlgard Bistany. Upon his return, the two promptly fell in love and were married on the 17th of August, 1963. Their first children were two daughters: Gillian, born in 1964, and Noelle in 1966. Three boys followed: Carl in 1968, John in 1973, and, finally, Matthew in 1976.

The family moved over the years, from Yonkers to Bronxville, finally making Oneonta their home in 1982. Filling a needed void, John established his neurology practice at Oneonta's A.O. Fox Hospital in the same year. Since then, Lusins and his practice, now the multi-partner Catskill Neurodiagnostics and MRI, has become one of Central New York's finest and most respected medical centers.

Revered not only for his medical capabilities, Dr. Lusins has also established himself as a prominent American asset to the world of fine wine. Equipped with erudition and a discerning palate, this aficionado is not only a member of the prestigious New York Commandire de Bordeaux but has proficiently ascended the ranks of the Confrérie des Chevaliers du Tastevin to become their distinguished Délégué Général of the Northeast. Dedicated to these roles, Dr. Lusins educates family, colleagues, and all constituents about the intricacies and appreciation of wine. This significant task should not be taken lightly, as our Founding Framer and President Thomas Jefferson once noted:

By making this wine vine known to the public, I have rendered my country as great a service as if I had enabled it to pay back the national debt. . . Its extended use will carry health and comfort to a much enlarged circle.

With the gathering of all his friends and family, I wish Dr. Lusins a splendid sixtieth birthday and continued success in all his endeavors. •

#### NATIONAL TRADE EDUCATION DAY

• Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, today has been designated National Trade Education Day. We should use this opportunity to demonstrate how the United States' belief in free trade and open markets have fostered American